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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: **CONSOLIDATED MATERIAL OF COATED POWDERS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Four times amended) A consolidated material of coated powders in the form of a molded, three-dimensional article, said coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon a coating film having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 20 μm , wherein the coated powders are mutually adhered at the coating film, the base particle comprises a glass, a metal, or a metal oxide, and the coating film is a metal film or a metal oxide film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

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